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DDKS FILLS 1 MILLIONTH ORDER

MINA ABDULLA, KUWAIT – Defense Distribution Depot Kuwait, Southwest Asia, or DDKS, has only been open for business since August 30, 2004, but they have already shipped more than 1 million orders to their customers.

“The DDKS team is entirely dedicated to serving our Warfighters,” said COL Gloria Blake, USA, DDKS Commander, “and this milestone is a measure of that dedication. All America’s Armed Forces deployed to the CENTCOM AOR can count on DDKS.”

DDKS is the Defense Distribution Center's only distribution facility in Southwest Asia and was established based on a request from the United States Central Command, or CENTCOM. The primary mission is to provide forward stock positioning support and enhanced physical distribution services to the Armed Forces located in the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility. DDKS has proven their value and velocity with their record-setting workload.

DDKS’s distribution facilities are strategically positioned in Southwest Asia to reduce transportation and customer wait time and to date DDKS has provided cost avoidance savings of more than \$508 million.

Current commodities distributed by DDKS are repair parts, barrier/construction materiel, clothing, textiles and tentage. DDKS also provides consolidated shipment and containerization services, as well as, routine logistic support to the military community in the DDKS theater of operations.

DDKS also leads a Theater Consolidation and Shipping Point, or TCSP, in Kuwait. The TCPS serves as the primary conduit for Operation Iraqi Freedom / Operation Enduring Freedom sustainment (primarily classes II, IIIP, IV, and IX) entering the Theater. The TCSP rapidly consolidates/segregates shipments arriving from multiple sources and prepares them for onward movement directly to the Warfighters.

DDKS is one of 26 distribution centers around the world managed by the Defense Distribution Center.

Defense Distribution Center, New Cumberland, Pa., is the Defense Logistics Agency's Lead Center for Distribution. DLA provides supply support and technical and logistics services to the military services and to several civilian agencies. Headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., DLA is the one source for nearly every consumable item, whether for combat readiness, emergency preparedness or day-to-day operations.

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